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Pony Express Trio's Third Man

Nine Flowers On San Marino Set

On December 29, the Vatican released a single commemorative with a value of 100 Lire to mark the 800th anniversary of the birth of Pier Lombardo, theologian. The design is a rather ornate affair as to background—the vignette consists of a medal with bishop Lombardo's effigy on it in green and yellow colors, this reposing on an ornate tapestry-like background of a rose color.

According to E. Pagnini and William Wonneberger, Jr. the release of the stamp came as a surprise even though there had been rumors about an impending issuance at some future date.

Printing was in the Italian Officina Carte Valori—the design is the work of Edmondo Pizzi.

Mentioned as abandoned some weeks ago because of possible sectional jealousies, Italy in a surprise move reconsidered the matter and issued a six-value Tourist set. Resort cities are pictured as follows: Siena, 10L; Rapallo, 12L; Gardone 20L; Cortina d'Ampezzo, 25L; Taormina, 35L; Capri, 60L.

According to Vittorio Lo Bianco this set has been overprinted AMG-FFT for use in the Anglo-American zone of Trieste.

Lo Bianco also advises that on December 28 San Marino issued a set of nine with flowers. These are: 1L Narcissus; 2L Tulips; 3L Oleander; 4L Lilies; 5L Gardenias; 10L Iris; 25L Cyclamen; 80L Geranium; 100L Roses.

Danish Telegraph Centenary Stamp

Denmark on February 2 will release a 30 ore commemorative marking the centenary of the Telegraph in that nation. Printing will be in a red color in sheets of fifty stamps.

Pictured in the design is a telegraph table on which sending and receiving equipment is shown of the era of its introduction.

Viggo Bang conceived the design while Bent Jacobsen did the engraving.

First day covers will be serviced for collectors. The postage fee from Denmark to the United States by surface is 60 ore which means two of the stamps will be needed—the airmail rate is 100 ore.

Addressed covers and the proper remittance are to be sent to the Postvaesens Salgskontor for Firmaerksemaleri, Bernstorffsgade 32, Copenhagen, Denmark accompanied with a remittance and a request for the cover service. These must arrive by January 27 which indicates that airmail must be used. That fee from the U. S. to Denmark is 15c per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

Mint stamps will also be sold by the above-named philatelic agency at face value. Requests for mint stamps should be sent separately and the payment must include sufficient funds for return postage.

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STAMPING AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. Here are some of the stamp fans of the Baton Rouge Stamp Club hard at the circuit books and managing a few exchange deals among themselves. There's nothing makes a stamp club meeting tick like lots of stamps to look over and buy avers newly elected president Sam W. Wilkinson. Other officers are vice president John Lowry and secretary-treasurer John D. Abbott.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Curbs Much Juvenile Delinquency With Stamps

Lorne W. Bentham

Five years ago, the members of the Youth and Police Section of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police launched a test stamp club in a school composed mainly of juvenile delinquents in Canada with the objective of convincing the youngsters that the police are their friends—not their enemies—and also that a worthwhile hobby to follow through their lives is a valuable asset.

As a matter of fact, before this test case was organized there were not any other stamp clubs in Industrial schools throughout Canada. The powers-that-be always thought that it would be a waste of time trying to establish a stamp club for they were of the opinion that the boys would consider it to be too tame.

The Institution selected by the RCMP for this test case was St. Joseph's Industrial School located in Alfred, Ontario—fifty miles away from Canada's capital in Ottawa. This Institution is operated by the Roman Catholic Christian Brothers.

It is certainly interesting to note that the original idea in organizing a stamp club for these boys came from the mind of a philatelist in the RCMP. His name was Corporal F. J. Bigg, and when he was stationed at Headquarters in Ottawa he had an opportunity to attend the Annual Policemen's Day, in 1948 in Alfred. It was at this event that he did some serious thinking. (Today he is stationed at Westlock, Alberta.)

He realized that more should be done for the boys instead of just paying them a visit once a year. What about a stamp club? "A grand idea" was what Corporal Bigg thought. So he approached

his superiors in the Youth and Police Section and they were greatly impressed with the idea. With the assistance of Sergeants Howard Ade RCMP, (now stationed in Toronto), and J. Legault, RCMP (retired since), the stamp club was launched.

Of course, Corporal Bigg sought the assistance of the local philatelic organizations, since it was necessary to have them to make the idea a working success.

Organizations which were first contacted to visit the boys and lend them a helping hand in their new venture were the Ottawa Philatelic Society and the RA Stamp Club, of Ottawa.

Encouraged with his first attempt, Corporal Bigg visited the school with his philatelic friends once a month for three years until he was posted to Toronto University to study a course in law.

While he and his followers were making regular visits to the school stamp club, they came to the conclusion that the stamp club had proven to be so much of a success that the donors of

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Waddell was of Scotch descent. His paternal grandfather, John, was born in Glasgow in 1724. At eleven years of age he was apprenticed to a man by the name of Carter and brought to Fauquier County, Virginia, where he grew to manhood. In 1757 he married Elizabeth Green and is said to have fought in the Revolutionary War.

to Sante Fe in 1821 and, wonder of wonders, three covered wagons loaded with trade goods had rolled to the same place in 1822. St. Louis business men had always wanted trade connections with the old Spanish city a thousand miles across "The Great American Desert" to the southwest.

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Here he also heard about the lush Boon's Lick country far up the Missouri River and also of the farthest frontier on the western boundary of the state. All of it sounded very good and, whether he knew it or not, a desire to go on west became deeply imbedded in his heart.

But the West was not to claim him yet. For some reason he returned to Kentucky and got a job clerking in a store in Washington. This did not last long and his father next put him upon a farm. This proved to be a fortunate circumstance, for nearby lived charming young Susan Byram. They were married January 1, 1829. With typical generosity the bride's father gave them Negroes, horses, sheep, a big, fat feather bed, and \$1500 in cash.

But farming was not the answer to the young man's desires. After some years he moved to Mayslick, Kentucky, where he opened a dry goods store. The business prospered, but Waddell was not content. Memories of what he had heard in St. Louis, plus news of the far western border that trickled back, troubled him. At length he had to go. Selling his store and whatever else he possessed in 1835 or early 1836 he took passage on an Ohio River steamboat, changed to another at St. Louis, and landed at Lexington, Missouri.

Apparently he knew what he was going to do before he left Kentucky. He built a store on the waterfront near Jack's Ferry, stocked it with goods, some of which were bought at wholesale from J. & R. Aull, and settled down to make a home for his family. He joined the Baptist Church, of which William H. Russell was a member, and devoted himself to its interests and program.

In 1837 he joined Russell and others in forming the Lexington First Addition Company, built a new brick store and hemp warehouse on North (now Main St.) and Broadway.

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A preparation for the forthcoming heavy demand for 2c and 3c stamps to mail Christmas cards is indicated by the report of plate activity at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the month of October. Numbers assigned to plates were:—

Trucking 3c commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 24867-8-9-70-71-72.

Patton 3c commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 24875-6-7-8-9-80.

New York 3c commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 24881-2-3-4-5-6.

New York 3c commem., ASDA Show exhibition plate, numbered 24887. (It should be noted that no stamps are available from this plate. All printed from it were destroyed).

Presidential 3c coil, 170 subject plates, numbered 24873-4.

Postage stamp printing plates which were sent to press and printed from for the first time in October are:—

Presidential 2c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24373, 24711.

Presidential 3c coil, 170 subject plates, numbered 24600, 24797-8, 24801-2, 24813, 24815, 24856.

Presidential 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24792, 24795-6, 24799-800, 24807-8, 24817.

Presidential \$1 regular, 100 subject plates, numbered 24836 (frame), and 24835 (vignette).

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Patton 3c commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 24875-6-7-8-9-80.

Eleven plates were cancelled from further use at the Bureau during October. All of them were used sufficiently to warrant no scarce numbers among them. These are:—

24325, 24601—Presidential 2c regular.

24653-4—Presidential 3c coil.

24543-4-5-6—Presidential 3c regular.

24542-3—Presidential 15c regular.

24412-3—Presidential 3c booklet.

such categories.

While designed for the trade, collectors will find the information almost as helpful as for instance, the list of the philatelic agencies throughout the world where stamps can be purchased at face plus return postage.

Also of interest are the various tables such as that which convert the currency of one nation into that of all the other listed ones; and one which translates pounds into kilograms.

For this fourth edition Tom Morgan has again been the editor. He has this year chosen material of continuing need and interest rather than a balance of that and various articles about philatelic subjects.

There are 128 pages, with many illustrations bound between hard board covers with a cloth spine.

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Already Bearing Fruit

In our editorial for November 3, we made several suggestions, many of which have also been made in the past years by other publishers, but the point is that Postmaster General Summerfield has now made an announcement that goes along with many of the suggestions we made in that editorial.



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spotting such things and the Government could depend on their fullest cooperation in hunting down and catching anyone who would attempt such work. Personally we do not believe that the threat would be near so serious as some are inclined to think.

There is opposition however and curiously enough it comes from within the Department. It is said that the old engravers who have done our engraved stamps for years are fearful that their jobs would be insecure. To settle that matter most of them could be pensioned as all must have been in service for a great many years if we can judge by the great similarity in our stamps over the past fifty years or more. These engravers have become experts in certain work as now done on our stamps. Some do the lettering, others the foliage, chief of which has been acanthus leaves which can be traced back to the first Bureau issues. Others do other parts of the stamps and when they are all done there is such a similarity in most issues that it is high time that some younger blood, some modern art, is injected into our stamps.

The British still use engraved stamps for their colonial issues but curiously enough are satisfied with surface printed stamps for their own use and if it is a matter of counterfeiting, they are of a quality that are readily adaptable to such. Their only protection is the watermark and how few people who stick a stamp on an envelope ever know that there is a watermark in the paper.

If fear of counterfeiting deters our own Government from using offset printing and if fear of the loss of their jobs enable the engravers to defeat such a plan, then by all means let us find some engravers who can do some outstanding work; for, few stamps are more beautiful than some of the finely engraved stamps of the world.

Perhaps the greatest fault with most of our modern stamps is the fact that the subjects and the treatment thereof would be more fitting for a six sheet roadside poster than for a postage stamp.

Thus perhaps it is not the fault of the engravers, but the fault of those who pick and approve the designs. Let us make the necessary changes and see if we can not produce some attractive engraved stamps.

Among the stamps of the past twenty-five years we think the Penn, Oglethorpe and Kosciuszko were very attractive stamps and these are all in the small normal size most preferred by the public. Many others are quite attractive but mostly with too much ornamentation and decoration, omission of some of which would have improved their appearance.

However, the word from Washington is encouraging and is in line with the wishes of the collecting public for several years past. We shall wait and see what we shall see.

Blame It On The Girls

A survey was taken recently to find out which subject in Topical collecting was the most popular and we have a very good notion that in this survey, the girls put something over on you fellows who have been collecting trains on stamps for so many years. In fact if memory serves us right, Trains on Stamps seems to have been almost the first of the Topical subjects that ever got very far. This was followed up by Ships on Stamps, Animals on Stamps and kept on expanding until in more recent years Topical collecting has burst out all over so that there are few subjects illustrated on our stamps that do not have some following among some collectors somewhere.

Many of these subjects are little heard of or little spoken of because the followers are too few, yet we know of some Topical collections that if they have been kept up as their builders once kept them, they would make an outstanding collection in any Topical competition.

Perhaps the principal collection of this nature that comes to our mind is that of a professor at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. His class work had to do with Architecture. As he was a stamp collector he began a collection of the Architecture of the world as shown on Postage Stamps and it should be easily seen by anyone that this is a tremendous field and one that could be intriguing to any architect.

Architecture however is seldom spoken of in Topical collecting circles. The subjects most followed are limited to ten or a dozen different fields and curiously enough in the survey taken of the most popular Topicals it turned out to be for a subject that is comparatively new as a Topical subject. We believe it was the girls that put this one over as Flowers on Stamps was voted the most popular and we all know that interest in this subject spread like wildfire after the several issues of stamps picturing native flowers of various countries came into being in the past few years. We believe the big boost came from Hungary with its issue of 1950 and followed by issues from several other countries in rapid succession, some in sets, others just single stamps but during the past year perhaps the most attractive have been those of the Portuguese Colonies, Congo etc.

Truly, these are all beautiful and colorful stamps and the girls have gone for them in a big way. Who knows, perhaps more beautiful stamps will add a lot of female philatelists to our hobby and we are glad to welcome them.

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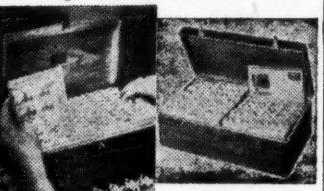
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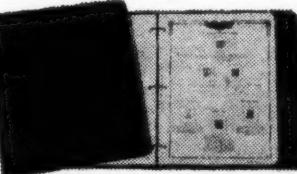
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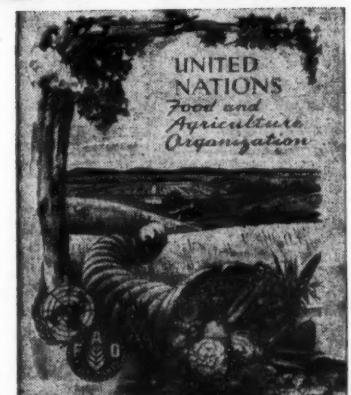
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points. Here, as elsewhere, all eyes were turned toward the far-off Pacific Coast. The following year Waddell and others, among them Robert B. Bradford, his brother in law, financed a party to go to the gold fields.

In 1853 he became a partner in Smock & Waddell, wholesale and retail merchants, and buyers of hemp, produce, etc. The following year he, with Russell, helped organize the Lexington Mutual Fire & Marine Insurance Company and became one of its directors. In 1853 the firm of Waddell & Russell contracted to deliver military supplies to Fort Riley. The amount was not large but it was important in that this was Waddell's first experience with the freighting business.

The firm secured no contract in 1854. Therefore Waddell & Russell tried the experiment of loading a wagon train with goods and sending it to California under R. W. Durham. It left the Missouri River at the usual time, and arrived in the vicinity of Sacramento on September 8, having lost one man and twenty per cent of their oxen on the way.

While the Durham train was crawling across half the continent toward California, Waddell and Russell were negotiating the formation of a new firm with Alexander Majors of Westport. This resulted in the signing of a co-partnership agreement to become effective January 1, 1855.

It provided that the firm should engage in the business of selling goods, wares, and merchandise, general trading in stock, wagons, teams and other items used in outfitting persons for crossing the plains, and in freighting for the United States government or anyone else.

The business was to be conducted in Lexington under the name of Waddell, Russell & Company, and in Jackson County under the name of Majors & Russell. On April 10, 1855, an additional clause was added authorizing the operation of a general dry goods, grocery, and outfitting store in Leavenworth, Kansas Territory, under the name of Majors, Russell & Company. The partnership was to run two years, and the firm was capitalized at \$60,000, one third of which was furnished by each of the members. In the advertisements announcing the opening of the Leavenworth store the names Majors, Russell & Company and Russell, Majors & Waddell were used.

It has been said again and again that Waddell furnished the money for the great undertaking they had in mind. Nothing could be further from the truth than this. Waddell furnished his part, and that was all. Both Russell and Majors were amply able to contribute their share, and did so. It has also been said that Majors and Russell organized the firm and took Waddell in after it was in operation. That is not true either, as the original contract attests. The simple fact is that the three of them got together on an important proposition, pooled their finances, and launched a gigantic enterprise.

The personal characteristics of the partners were admirably adapted to the job they had in hand. Russell went East to represent the firm in Washington, New York, Philadelphia, and other places. His correspondence shows that by early 1855 he was spending most of his time in New York and Washington. Of the three his talents were best adapted to the work assigned him. He was affable, polished, and qualified in every way to deal with bankers, department heads in

Washington, congressmen, and senators.

Majors was concerned chiefly with trains upon the road and was at home only during those months when they were not running. Each season he rode horseback from one end of the route to the other. He had trains of his own in operation, a store in Denver, another in Fort Leavenworth, and a sutler's establishment at Fort Wise. His job was to see that the firm's trains got through on time, and they usually did.

Waddell's responsibility was to see that local financial affairs ran smoothly. Through its office in Lexington, managed by his son John W., he bought and sold thousands of head of cattle. He also supervised the firm's office in Leavenworth, commuting between the two towns on Missouri River steamboats.

Relations between the partners were generally harmonious, but at times Waddell became impatient with William H. Russell and other members of the organization. Sometimes he ignored requests for instructions, neglected important details, for which his son John W. took him to task, and made it difficult for his associates.

Being overburdened with the details of the vast business he came to the conclusion that Russell spent too much time in New York and the East and bluntly told him to come home. At times he questioned Russell's judgment and expenditures, which was something Russell could never tolerate.

Both Majors and Waddell leaned decidedly toward the conservative side of things. Russell was exactly the opposite. He was quick to make decisions, bold in carrying them out, and implicitly believed that every enterprise with which he was connected would turn out to be a bonanza. Majors and Waddell were deliberate, conservative, slow to make decisions, and unwilling to take long chances.

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49-50	K.L.K.	.28	.35	6.00	.40	.14
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72	Blu	.16	.20	1.10	.35	.16
73	5th Anniversary	.16	.20	1.10	.35	.16
74	Maimonides	.09	.12	.50	.30	.09
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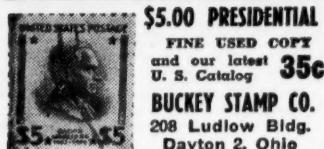
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TRISTAN DA CUNHA. As previously announced in this column, Tristan released, on January 2, a new definitive issue of 14 values to 10 shillings. The Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin, in making this announcement, supplied the information that Tristan has some 245 inhabitants, plus about 25 expatriate residents connected with the church, administration, school, meteorological and wireless stations.

This large ? population had no stamps until 1951-1952 when 12 stamps of St. Helena were overprinted. Why did the authorities not include a Pound value? My best estimate is that 99% of the new stamps will go to collectors, who will part with good dollars for these unnecessary high values.

OTHER RELEASES. As previously announced, the following new issues have been released:

BAHAMAS. On Jan. 1 a new definitive issue of 16 values to the Pound.

HONG KONG. On Jan. 5, 12 new values and colors from 5c to \$10.00.

ADEN-KATHIRI. On Jan. 15 a new definitive issue of 10 values to 10/-.

BARBADOS. On Jan. 4 a new 5c value.

GRENADA. On Jan. 12 a 1/2c with the portrait changed.

DOMINICA. On Jan. 15 the 4 & 8c stamps with portrait changed.

FALKLAND DEPENDENCIES. The much discussed new definitive issue of 15 values from 1/2d to one Pound, will be released February 1. Perhaps the Penguins will prepare first day covers of the Pound stamp. If you want this cover, write to your favorite penguin!

SEYCHELLES. On February 1, this colony will release a new Elizabeth set of 15 values from 2c to 10R.

VINDICATION. Now that the Puff Ball in England has "shot his bolt," this column will ignore any future statements by this unreliable columnist. However, the writer feels that he has been vindicated in connection with his comments about the excessive high value stamps, by Stanley Gibbons of London. In the introduction to their 1954 Two Reigns Catalogue, they state:

"Colonial authorities are strongly advised to carefully consider real postal needs when deciding upon the values to be issued. The figures we quoted last year of approximate costs of the new Elizabethan are on the low side, for we did not imagine that the Falkland Dependencies were going to issue stamps to the Pound in face value, and that places like Gambia and British Solomon Islands were also to have Pound stamps. In our opinion there is no real argument in favor of them."

This statement by an authority like Stanley Gibbons is along the same lines that this column has been discussing for about a year, and their statement will have more weight than British Empire Chatter AND—may produce results.

Precancel Jamboree At Wichita, Kansas

The first annual stamp jamboree of the Kansas Precancel Society is to be staged February 6 and 7 in the guest room of the Coca Cola Bottling Co. in Wichita, Kansas.

However, precancels will not claim all the attention—collectors of other stamps and covers will find activity enough in their fields to make their visit worthwhile.

Additional information can be gotten from John J. Herbst, P. O. Box 1551, Wichita, Kansas.

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The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:

January 25—AMEROPO

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March 29—Collectors of Religion on Stamps Society.

April 26—International Society of Japanese Philatelists.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

Clubs or societies agreeable to sponsoring a special edition can get the details on request.

SFTW Seeks Supplies Volunteer Helpers

Entering the tenth year of its existence, Stamps for the Wounded, philately's volunteer service committee, is more active than ever despite the fact that supplies very frequently are much smaller than the demand for them by hospitalized servicemen in more than 100 V. A. centers all over the country.

Although S.F.T.W. still serves a number of "transients" as it did during the war years, its biggest problem today is keeping those men supplied who unhappily are destined to remain invalidized and hospitalized for ten or more years. According to the Veterans Administration, the need for recreational activities that will keep mind and hands occupied is paramount for men who know they have long years of convalescence ahead of them. Stamp collecting, according to these same officials, is the perfect avocation.

Some quantities of supplies are received from business firms; a small number of dealers and a handful of collectors but with the increasing demand for more varieties to advance servicemen's collections, it is practically imperative that more material be donated.

But what is more important, is the need for more experienced collectors who live near V. A. hospitals to serve as personal S.F.T.W. representatives to help the hospitalized men in their collecting activities. Collectors willing to accept the invitation to join S.F.T.W., or who have stamps, catalogues or accessories to donate, are asked to communicate with the nearest S.F.T.W. representative or Ernest Kehr, national chairman, 230 W. 41st St., New York 36, N. Y.



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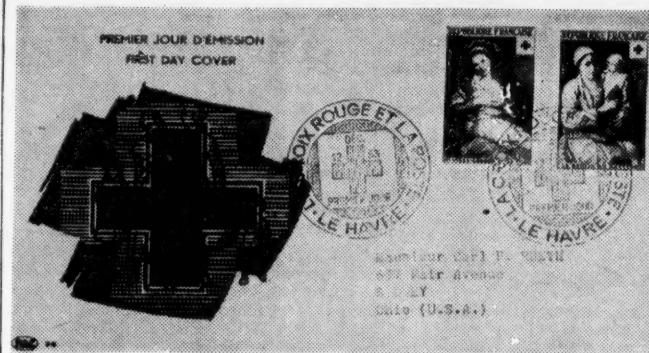
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ADEN — (Kathiri State) — The Crown Agents for the Colonies in Washington advise that ten stamps will be issued on January 15 with a likeness of the new Sultan either in the main design or in an oval panel.

DENMARK—To mark the 100th anniversary of the so-called "Sound telegraph line", this country will issue a 30 ore stamp on February 2. The stamp, printed in red and picturing a telegraph table, was designed by Viggo Bang.

FRANCE—On January 18 four high value airmails will be issued. Denominations and airplanes depicted are to be: 100 francs, Mystery IV; 200fr, Noratlas; 500fr, Magister and 1000fr, Provence.

GERMANY (Western)—On December 31, according to the Bundeminster, twelve sets of stamps were invalidated for postal use. Included among them were the Leonardo da Vinci, Thurn and Taxis and 1952 Welfare stamps.

Denominations, colors, designs and plate numbers (in parentheses) are: 100 pruta olive, Olive Tree (67); 70p red, Sea of Galilee (68); 100p green, Road to Jerusalem (69); 200p brown, Lion Rock (70); 300p purple, Bay of Elat (71); 500p blue, Tanur Cascade (72).

be similar on both stamps and will show the coat of arms of the Orange Free State and a quill and scroll symbolizing the signing of the Bloemfontein Convention on February 23, 1854. According to the Government Post Office at Pretoria, the stamps will remain on sale for approximately three months.

VATICAN CITY—A 100 lire adhesive was issued on December 29 in honor of Pier Lombardo who was the Bishop of Paris in the year 1200.

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The 10, 100 and 500 values are to have February releases, the others in March.

G. Hamori, Tel Aviv, made the six designs which in turn were printed by Lewin-Epstein by the photo-lith offset process. There are 25 stamps to the post office size panes with five descriptive tabs in the bottom row.

Multi-colored first day covers have been prepared by the Philatelic Services, G.P.O. Bldg., Jerusalem, Israel and will be available to all persons. A series of six covers each bearing one stamp of the new series and given a special cancellation at the post office nearest to the landscape depicted will cost 80c.

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There will be a delay of the set of three commems Iceland had scheduled for February 1, advises Jonas Hallgrimsson, P.O. Box 1116, Reykjavik, Iceland to some weeks later. Dealers and collectors who sent him orders from his December 14 ad are asked to note the change of date and not write. It will still be possible for others to place orders.

For the plate collector, Charles J. Demuth, 644 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn 13, N. Y. has a list which offers plate singles and plate blocks from the Kosiuszko to date by positions. Some coil strips and booklet panes with parts of the numbers showing are offered as well as Farley plates. He also has a want list and will buy or trade. Lists are free.

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make you think you have seen
it somewhere before. You have—
but in a little different perspective—at least so believes Charles
N. Roeckell of New York City.
He has written—

"When the New York City
stamp design was published I
thought I recognized its source.
I finally got around to it, and
found what I was looking for. It
is this picture.

"I made it about 1938 directly
from a print which was still
bound in Valentine's Manual
of 1858. I could be wrong,
but I still think that whoever
designed the stamp got his
inspiration from that same print.
The details differ, but it is still
the same picture.

"... After he chose, he had to
change his scene to depict the
fort 107 years before. Out came
the British Flags and the man-
of-war became a merchant ship.
Instead of church spires — a
Dutch windmill. However the
fort remained substantially the
same from the Dutch days until
the Revolution. During that time
its name changed seven times—
and believe it or not, it was torn
down to provide a mansion for
the President of the United
States."

1. What commem issued most
recently before the NYC stamp
pictured an honest-to-goodness
fort?

2. On which stamp of the past
three years would you see two
Japanese?

I see by the Columbia University
commem of January 4 that the
Bureau still has a supply of
that fuzzy blue.

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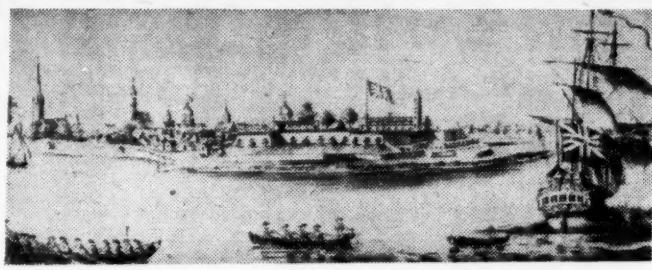
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On January 1, 1954 the people of St. Petersburg, Fla. noted the fortieth anniversary of the World's First Scheduled Commercial Airline Flight. It was the St. Petersburg-Tampa Air Boat Line which flew its first flight on January 1, 1914.

In a cacheted cover marking the event from Roland H. Imse, Jr., of St. "Pete" is a reproduction of a news article from the St. Petersburg Times of November 29, 1953 written by Gay White. I think it has a wonderful lot of interest to all collectors, especially the airmail and postal history fans. It reads as follows:

"On the morning of December 4, 1913, a stranger stepped off the train at St. Petersburg.

"He talked with editors of local newspapers, Board of Trade secretary L. A. Whitney and other St. Petersburg businessmen. Before nightfall the St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line was formed. An airline contract was written. It was signed by Whitney, by one of the three city commissioners, and other men of St. Petersburg.

"It guaranteed a cash subsidy from the City of St. Petersburg and its businessmen and a franchise to operate on the North Mole and in Central Yacht Basin, provided the second party to the contract, the Benoist Aircraft Company of St. Louis, supplied planes and crew and maintained two scheduled flights daily between St. Petersburg and Tampa, six days each week, for a period of three months.

"Before that day 40 years ago was ended, \$1500 had been pledged by hard-headed but farsighted men of St. Petersburg to subsidize the St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line.

"On December 17, 1913, exactly 10 years to a day after the first powered flight of man, Thomas Wesley Benoist, another hard-headed businessman who even then envisioned the skies crisscrossed with air traffic, arrived in St. Petersburg in response to a telegram from Percival Elliott Fansler, promoter of the airline. That night Benoist affixed his signature to the first airline contract ever written—and the world's first scheduled airline became a living entity.

"The contract was made effective January 1, 1914, when Anthony Habersack Jannus, world-famed aviator and chief pilot of the airline company, departed from St. Petersburg with the first scheduled airline passenger and beached his plane on the Tampa waterfront 23 minutes later. A. C. Pheil, ex-mayor of the city, paid \$400 at auction for the first airline ticket.

"Tampa had first turned down Fansler's proposed airline, refusing to admit boats could fly. On December 30, Fansler and Jannus were refused permission to build a landing platform near the Tampa Bay Hotel, where it would have been convenient for the hotel's guests to embark.

"They also refused a franchise to operate on the Hillsborough River, although they were allowed to use a landing spot on the tidal flat near the electric light plant.

"For three months the St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line kept to its schedule with astonishing regularity. Many famous Americans rode the Benoist airboats of the line.

"On March 17, 1914, Thomas Benoist announced the end of the contract period was drawing near. Unless other arrangements were made, he said the airline soon would terminate. He cited

its successful operation; more than 1200 passengers transported without accident or injury; a second airliner put on scheduled operation in January; extension of service to Bradenton, Manatee, Sarasota and points northward to Tarpon Springs. Benoist said the city must take action if a permanent airline was to be formed.

"But a new railroad into St. Petersburg, war in Mexico and then in Europe, money panics, our own preparedness efforts and later entry into World War I stopped the formation of the proposed permanent airline company.

"As to financial success, no fortunes were made, but the airline made so much revenue in February and March it was unable to collect under its contract for those months. Repairs totaled less than \$100 to both planes.

"For fifteen years, the city forgot the St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line—but then began celebrating the Tony Jannus First Flight."

1. The Fort Bliss of 1948.
2. The Commodore Perry of 1953.

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ROYAL CANADIAN

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stamps were being depleted of their duplicates. This needed further help so Corporal Bigg, deciding not to let the stamp club die natural death through the neglect of donors, approached the Ottawa Kiwanis Club for assistance in his cause.

After making a brief address at one of their luncheons, the Kiwanians all agreed to help out the boys in their need for stamps. All in all, the Kiwanians collected well over 200,000 different foreign stamps for the young philatelists, as well as making regular visits and awarding stamp albums with the Kiwanis crest imprinted on them to outstanding boys who were judged as having the best entry in a stamp exhibition.

These exhibitions were usually judged by local prominent philatelists of some philatelic organization in Ottawa. Each time they accompanied Corporal Bigg on his trips to Alfred, Ont., so that they could help out the boys in their philatelic problems. By this time, the membership in the stamp club at Alfred had reached fifty members.

Carrying on in the absence of Corporal Bigg in the work that he launched are the members of the Bytown Stamp Club and the Ottawa Kiwanis Club.

A letter from Brother Cyprian, St. Joseph's Industrial School, indicates how successful the stamp club has been. (Incidentally, Brother Cyprian took over the stamp club duties from Brother Justinian, who has recently been transferred to another Christian Brother School at Wilow Bunch, Sask., Canada.)

Here are excerpts from Brother Cyprian's letter:

"... Needless to say our Stamp Club has been a success from the beginning, five years ago. The RCMP, Ottawa Kiwanis Club, Ottawa Philatelic Society, RA Stamp Club of Ottawa, Bytown Stamp Club, also of Ottawa and many other Ottawans, too numerous to mention, have helped "stamp" out delinquency. They have contributed material, mostly stamps and encouragement. That is the material and moral backing to the whole thing."

"... As a matter of fact, a new-comer never waits more than a month before he is self-injected with the philatelic 'virus.' He is soon looking at the other boys' albums and he sees how interesting stamp collecting actually is. Some boys will give him their duplicates; this is good in itself. While on the other hand, some other boys are more stingy. This is good, too. For it shows some attachment to property, a minor quality for boys of delinquent background.

"... In an Institution like ours, the activities are mostly 'group' activities. Stamp Collecting offers to the boys an opportunity to perform something more individualistic: the material is theirs and what they collect, they arrange as they please. Some boys find in that, part of the necessary compensation for their reduced liberty. These boys, having been severed from their home activities, which were not always anything to boast about, find in stamp collecting a derivative to their loneliness and to the monotony of life in an Institution like ours, however attractively scheduled the leisure hours are.

"... In one word, our boys collecting stamps are molding their tastes and are forging themselves a certain discipline order — that's unmistakable. Besides they are widening their knowledge in Industry, History, and Geography, vastly imparted by philately."

Brother Cyprian states that at present there are still 50 out of the 120 attending the school members of the stamp club.

In conclusion, Brother Cyprian states in his letter "that it's the hobby that answers their very need. It's a clean and decent hobby that keeps them out of dreaming and mischief."

According to the officials of the Bytown Stamp Club of Ottawa, recently there were some

boys from the stamp club of St. Joseph's taken to Ottawa and given a chance to see the philatelic exhibits at the Philatelic Agency in the Post Office Department, and later were the guests of the Bytown Stamp Club.

Among the many citizens in the United States who have contributed stamps to make this stamp club at St. Joseph's Industrial School a real success has been none other than Clifford O'Dets, of New York, N.Y. Mr. O'Dets has been and still is the great benefactor in contributing stamps and other philatelic material of the boys at Alfred, Ontario.

Should there be any of Linn's readers interested in making some of the boys that much more happier, why not send them your duplicates that you have no desire for any more? Just send the stamps to care of Brother Cyprian, St. Joseph's Industrial School, Alfred, Ontario, Canada. Everything will be acknowledged within 24 hours. It's Brother Cyprian's policy.

Precancel NEWS

Kenneth M. Gierhart
P. O. Box 381
Baltimore, Ohio

WEST MIDDLETOWN, O.

This last of the newly listed OHIO towns appeared during the Holiday season. This is of course a long name but it still was made in two lines. The legend is split as follows: West Middle-town, Ohio. The type is U-121n and was on the 1¢ President stamp. West Middletown is just what it says, barely a mile west of the Middletown post office just across the Miami River.

A HORRIBLE THOUGHT.

Wilson Smith writing in the FORUM says that he was told that the plates for the issue previous to the Presidents are still in the vaults in Washington and most of them are in good condition ready to print at a moment's notice should anything go wrong with the present plates or if a quick change of issue is wanted.

Not too many collectors would welcome such an issue unless there were color changes. The BUREAU PRINT collector though could start another new series because all these new items would be of the narrow type. Still it's a horrible thought and I hope we can have a new issue when and if we must have one.

ON THE BACK.

Once in a while, and it's a wonder it doesn't happen more often, we come across press-printed precancels that have been printed on the back. If you have ever fed a printing press and have had any experience with gummed paper much less a stack of gummed sheets that have had a perforator on them you will know what I mean.

Mr. H. J. Gray of Houston Texas tells me that he has discovered a block of 30 of the 16¢ Houston with the printing on the back or gummed side. As I mentioned this happens now and then and the added value is much of a problem. The things cannot be denied as to their novelty and perhaps scarcity but it's not this kind of scarcity that collectors want so their value is hard to determine. Surely this would be a show piece for an exhibition.

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